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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: PRINT DATA MANAGEMENT APPARATUS, STORAGE MEDIUM HAVING STORED THEREIN PRINT DATA MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, STORAGE MEDIUM HAVING STORED THEREIN USAGE CERTIFICATE DATA, AND METHOD OF USING PRINT DATA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract filed with the Substitute Abstract attached hereto.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the specification with the Substitute Specification attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1-10 as follows:

1. (Amended) A print data management apparatus for registering, in response to a data registration request which includes print data, the print data and for providing, in response to a data usage request, the print data relating to the data usage request, comprising:  
a storage device that performs registration of the print data;  
a registration device that registers the print data in said storage device; and